

Barton Mills Parish Council

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Chairman: Mr N. Horne 07590 672963

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Barton Mills

held in the village hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7:30pm

Present:

Cllr. Colsey (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Fuller
Cllr. Jarvis
Cllr. Lewis

Cllr. Newman
Cllr. Oke
Cllr. Pollard

Also in attendance were the Clerk Naomi Alecock and 4 members of the public.

Cllr. Colsey opened the meeting.

Prior to business being transacted Cllr. Lewis paid tribute to Charlie Peachey, whose funeral took place today. He spent his whole life in the village and served on the Parish Council for 50 years. He was an exceptional member of the council and village and was also involved with the football team, Kelk Meadows and the Church. Cllr. Horne wrote a tribute that was published in the most recent Barton Miller.

1. Acceptance of apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. Horne. No apologies were received from Cllr. Mullender.

2. Declaration of members interests and dispensations

Item 9.5 – Cllr. Lewis

3. To receive approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 from those members present at the meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes from the meeting of 4th June. Proposed by Cllr. Fuller, seconded by Cllr. Oke. All in favour.

4. Public Participation

An issue was raised with the bolt on the jubilee gate. Cllr. Lewis will speak to Mark Hayward or Matt Wilson to get this resolved.

The new vicar, Mark McCaghrey, introduced himself. He has been in post 2 weeks tomorrow following a move from Norfolk where he looked after 6 parishes. He is living in the vicarage and is looking forward to working with the Parish Council and community.

5. Planning Consultations

5.1 DC/24/0726/HH – Householder planning application – two storey side extension – 3 The Street, Barton Mills

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT**. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

6. Planning Applications decisions, statuses and appeals

The paper was received and **NOTED**.

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7. To receive an update on the query regarding the Local Plan

We have received a reply from West Suffolk Council regarding the query we sent to them in relation to the housing needs assessment and local plan development figures. It does not answer the original query and there is still some discrepancy in the figures stated. It was **AGREED** to restate the question for clarification on the figures.

8. Parish Matters

8.1 To receive a verbal update with regards to streetlights

Contact details for Cllrs. Colsey and Jarvis were printed in the last Barton Miller and inspections of the lights will continue when the nights become shorter.

8.2 To receive a verbal update with regards to the play park

Cllr. Jarvis advised that there is one piece of equipment, the spring bike, that requires attention as the foundation is exposed. The matting around the slide is also compacted. Expert advice is required in order for more work to be carried out. Cllr. Jarvis will send the Clerk a photo for them to contact Proludic.

8.3 To receive a verbal update with regards to the SID

Cllr. Colsey confirmed that Cllrs. Pollard and Newman now have authority to download the data from the solar SID and have been sent videos on how to do this. Cllr. Pollard has had some technical issues and will contact the supplier. The battery SID was changed last weekend and the rota has been done until the end of August. We are still awaiting a reply from Claire Miller on how to download the data from the solar SID.

8.4 To receive an update on the bin provision at Sapphire Gardens

Cllr. Pollard informed the council that himself and Cllr. Horne met with Graham Swift to discuss bin provision at Sapphire Gardens. It was proposed that one central combined bin would be sufficient following the removal of the other bins. West Suffolk Council have quoted £539.80 + VAT to supply and install the bin on a slab; there would then be an annual cost of £191.36 per year for the emptying of it (£3.68 per empty). It was **AGREED** to **ACCEPT** this quote. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Newman. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

8.5 To discuss an issue with the Peace Garden

We have received a report that the post near to the field gate is rotten and has collapsed. It was **AGREED** to obtain some quotes to replace the wooden posts; there are 30 in total but it may be not all of them need replacing.

Cllr. Colsey informed the council that we have received interest from one person in relation to the Gardener position. It was **AGREED** that the Chair and Clerk would have the authority to appoint for 2 hours a month at £15 per hour, however if more work is required due to the time of year up to £100 a month can be spent. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Jarvis. All in favour.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 To receive the current bank account balances

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It was confirmed that there is currently £465.24 held in the current account and £31,580.37 in the deposit account.

9.5 To approve and authorise payment of invoices

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following invoices:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Gross</u>
<u>Retrospective approval of invoices (subject to 5.5(a) of the financial regulations)</u>					
02-May	IA Play Solution Ltd	Play Area repairs	13735.00	2747.00	16482.00
<u>To be approved</u>					
05-Mar	JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog poo bags	69.44	13.89	83.33
30-May	R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Grass cutting in May	525.00	105.00	630.00
31-May	Clerk	Expenses	133.25	19.63	152.88
31-May	R Lewis	Barton Miller	26.16	0.00	26.16
07-Jun	SALC	Planning webinar sessions 1-4	140.00	28.00	168.00
17-Jun	R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Tree work	275.00	55.00	330.00
30-Jun	R.H. Landscapes & Maintenance Services Ltd	Grass cutting in June	420.00	84.00	504.00
30-Jun	Barton Mills Village Hall Registered Charity	Hire	117.00	0.00	117.00
01-Jul	West Suffolk Council	Emptying of dog bins 01/07/24 - 31/07/24	28.98	0.00	28.98
			15,469.83	3,052.52	18,522.35

Proposed by Cllr. Jarvis, seconded by Cllr. Oke. 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

10. Governance

10.1 To discuss .gov email addresses

The Clerk advised that NALC recently released guidance on using .gov email addresses rather than personal email addresses. This would provide greater security with data protection and it would mean that information is not retained longer than is needed ie. If a councillor leaves, they lose access to any information in emails. The Clerks email address is a gmail account and does receive a lot of spam.

Suffolk.cloud who host our website have provided a quote. 10Gb mailbox storage would be £120 for 1 year or £200 for 2 years. This cost includes the setting up of the mailboxes, deletions and additions.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to implement this. Proposed by Cllr. Lewis, seconded by Cllr. Newman. All in favour.

11. Parish Councillors reports

Cllr. Fuller reported that the shared drain near the bottle bank between the village hall and football club is blocked again. It was **AGREED** to contact Mitchell and Mayle for a quote to investigate the cause.

12. To discuss and agree the content for the next Barton Miller

It was **AGREED** for the Chair and Clerk to decide on the content for the next Barton Miller.

13. Exchange of information

Cllr. Colsey informed members that Barton Mills Football Club are holding a family fun day on the playing field on Saturday 13th July. They are liaising with the village hall regarding access for toilets.

14. Date and time of the next meeting – Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at 7.30pm in Barton Mills Village Hall, Mildenhall Road, Barton Mills, IP28 6BB

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The meeting closed at 8:39pm.

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